

a display device for displaying information on a screen thereof, the display device displaying information on a predetermined area of the screen in a plurality of colors in response to a color display signal; and

a controller for providing a color display signal to the display device to change the color to be displayed on the predetermined area of the screen based on whether the image processing condition set by the setting means includes a parameter regarding to the basic function or the application function.

39. (New) An image processing apparatus comprising:

an image processing section for processing an image according to an image processing condition having a plurality of parameters;

a memory device for storing a plurality of programs which respectively store different image processing conditions therein;

selection means for selecting one of the plurality of programs stored in the memory device; and

a display device for displaying information on a screen thereof, the display device displaying information on a predetermined area of the screen in a plurality of colors in response to a color display signal;

a controller for providing a color display signal to the display device to change the color to be displayed on the predetermined area of the screen according to the program selected by the selection means.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early consideration and a notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application in this case.

The present Preliminary Amendment amends claims 1-12, and 14-25, cancels claims 13 and 26-31, and adds new claims 32-39 in order to provide a more adequate basis for protection of the invention of this application, resulting in a total of thirty-two claims under consideration, of which nine (claims 1, 14, 32-35, and 37-39) are independent claims and none include a multiple dependency. As the filing fee for the Continued Prosecution Application being concurrently submitted has been calculated in view of this Preliminary Amendment, this Preliminary Amendment does not incur any fee based on the number or type of claims. However, should a fee be required, please charge any fee (other than an issue fee) required during the pendency of this patent application, to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Any other fee required for the Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following is a marked-up version of the changes to the claims which are being made in the attached Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming section for forming an image in a plurality of operational modes;
a display device for displaying information on a screen thereof, the display device displaying information on a predetermined area of the screen in a plurality of colors in response to a color display signal; and
[control means] a controller for determining the operational mode of the image forming apparatus and providing a color display signal to the display device [in response to the operational mode to control] to change the color to be displayed on said [display device] predetermined area of the screen according to the determined operational mode.
6. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said [control means] controller sets a background color of said [display device] predetermined area of the screen in response to the color display signal.
11. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the first image forming condition and the second image forming condition are simultaneously displayed [in sectionalized regions of a] on said predetermined area and another area of the screen of said display device, and said [regions] predetermined area and the other area are displayed in different colors.

12. (Twice Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a background color of each of said [sectionalized regions] predetermined area and the other area is set according to the color display signal.

14. (Once Amended) An image processing device comprising:
an image processing section for processing an image in a plurality of operational modes;

a display device for displaying information on a screen thereof, the display device displaying information on a predetermined area of the screen in a plurality of colors in response to a color display signal; and

[control means] a controller for determining the operational mode of the image processing device and providing a color display signal to the display device [in response to the operational mode to control] to change the color to be displayed on said [display device] predetermined area of the screen according to the determined operational mode.

19. (Once Amended) An image processing device according to claim 14, wherein said [control means] controller sets a background color of said [display device] predetermined area of the screen in response to the color display signal.

24. (Once Amended) An image processing device according to claim 23, wherein the first image processing condition and the second image processing condition are simultaneously displayed [in sectionalized regions of a] on said predetermined area and another area of the screen of said display device, and said [regions] predetermined area and the other area are displayed in different colors.

25. (Once Amended) An image processing device according to claim 23, wherein a background color of each of said [sectionalized regions] predetermined area and the other area is set according to the color display signal.

Claims 13 and 26-31 have been canceled.

Claims 32-39 have been added.